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Sir:

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In reply to the Office action dated 14 September 2000 (hereinafter Office action),
please amend the above application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 25-28.

Amend claims 13, 20 and 29 as follows.

13. (Once Amended) A press block (35) for inserting a plurality of terminals (11) into a
substrate (15), the press block removably engaging the terminals and comprising:

a generally planar base (39) having a thickness substantially less than a length of
the terminals; and

a plurality of discrete openings (38) through said base, each opening [associated
with] adapted to receive a respective one of the terminals so that the terminals can
extend through said base.